

REMARKS

Applicant again wishes to commend Examiner Conley for an exceptionally detailed Office Action. Applicants further notes that the Examiner's Action is viewed as clear and to the point, accurately and fairly indicating allowable subject matter. Applicant agrees with the reasons for allowance.

Amendments to Claims

It should appear evident that Claim 1 has been canceled without prejudice, and Claim 2 (initially dependent from base Claim 1) has been rewritten in independent form to include all the limitations of the base Claim 1, following Examiner's advice.

Claim 5, previously dependent upon Claim 1, herein canceled without prejudice, has now been made dependent from rewritten Claim 2, at Examiner's suggestion.

Claim 9, finally rejected, has been canceled without prejudice.

Claim 12 has been canceled without prejudice, and Claim 13 (previously dependent from the base Claim 12) has been rewritten in independent form to include all the limitations of the base Claim 12, in accordance with the helpful suggestions by Examiner.

Claim 20 has been canceled without prejudice.

Thus, Claims 2-8 and 13-17, objected to by the Examiner in his Final Rejection, have been amended such that they no longer depend from rejected claims, and where necessary and appropriate have been amended to include the limitations of rejected base claims. Claims 2-8 and 13-17 are, therefore, asserted as being ready for allowance, along with other allowed claims.

SUMMARY

Claims 10, 11, 18, 19 and 21-26 stand allowed, and the four (4) remaining rejected Claims have been cancelled herein without prejudice. With re-presentation of the "objected to" claims, as above discussed, it is apparent from Applicant's viewpoint that no further issues or grounds for objection and/or rejection remain unresolved. Applicant submits all claims are now allowable and respectfully requests prompt and favorable reconsideration resulting in the withdrawal of outstanding objections, and the prompt issuance of Letters Patent.

Respectfully submitted,

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